

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people; and

WHEREAS, Vermont has a long-standing tradition of upholding the dignity of the individual, supporting legal equality and fair treatment for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and ensuring acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ community contribute to our state's success and strengths in a great number of immeasurable ways; and

WHEREAS, Vermont held its first Pride March on June 25, 1983; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Vermont was the first state in the union to legalize same-sex civil unions, paving the way for further progress, and providing more rights and visibility to the LGBTQ+ community of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Vermont acknowledges and condemns the violence, harassment, and discrimination imposed upon LGBTQ+ individuals and groups, yet these communities are able to thrive through the support of LGBTQ+-affirming spaces, agencies, and individual allies; and

WHEREAS, Vermont remains committed to supporting LGBTQ+ families, LGBTQ+ children, transgender athletes, and LGBTQ+ students; and

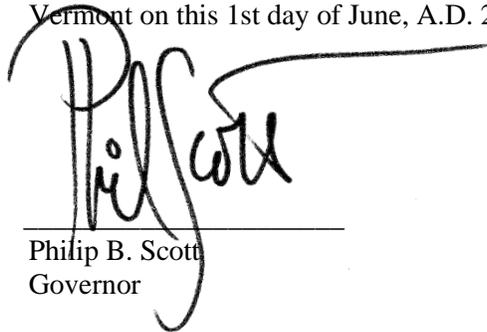
WHEREAS, Vermont has positioned itself as a safe place for LGBTQ+ people with expanded protections for all; and

WHEREAS, all Vermonters are welcome to join the LGBTQ+ community during the month of June in celebrating the resiliency and contributions of these Vermonters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 2023 as

**PRIDE MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of June, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs